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SUBJ: NASA EXPERIMENTS ON EFFECTS OF WATER HYACINTHS IN SEWAGE
LAGOMNS

1. CONGEN HAS BEEN ASKED BY ALAN H. CROXFORD, CHAIRMAN OF MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (MMBW) TO OBTAIN PUBLICATIONS ON SUBJECT OF NASA EXPERIMENTS ON EFFECTS OF WATER HYACINTHS GROWING IN SEWAGE LAGOONS. INQUIRY STEMS FROM ARTICLE IN MARCH 25 MELBOURNE HERALD (COPY BEING SENT NASA UNDER TRANSMITTAL SLIP) WHICH INDICATED NASA HAS MADE SOME VERY SIGNIFICANT DISCOVERIES OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE IN SEWAGE TREATMENT. CROXFORD THINKS NASA'S WORK IN THIS AREA MAY HAVE APPLICATIONS IN MMBW'S SEWERAGE SYSTEMS. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN REPORTED VALUE OF HARVESTED HYACINTHS AS CATTLE FEED AS MMBW HAS OWN FARM. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE INFORMATION IN DISADVANTAGES IN INTRODUCTION OR USE OF WATER HYACINTHS.

2. MMBW IS MELBOURNE AND ITS METROPOLITAN AREA'S AGENCY FOR HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS FOR URBAN AREA OF 2368 SQUARE MILES WITH POPULATION APPROACHING 3 MILLION MARK. AS SUCH ITS DEVELOPMENT PLANS OFTEN ARE "BIG TICKET" PROJECTS DESERVING ATTENTION BY US BUSINESS. WHILE PRESENT INQUIRY IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY, I WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT, CAREFUL
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ATTENTION TO CROXFORD'S REQUEST. RECOMMEND AIR SHIPMENT

OF REQUESTED DOCUMENTS IF FEASIBLE; IF DOCUMENTATION TOO
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FINDINGD BY AIR WITH FOLLOW-UP BY SEA. IF MMBW OBLIGED
PAY FOR DOCUMENTS PLEASE ADVISE DETAILS BY CABLE.

3. FOR NASA'S INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE WITH MMBW
CAN BE ADDRESSED TO CROXFORD OR TO MMBW'S SECRETARY,
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